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THE YEO TRIAL

COUNSEL AND THE "CHINA MAIL"

POINTS OF IMPORTANCE

Question of Mr. Black's Specimen Signature

THE PROMISED LIFE STORY

Three points of importance to the "China Mail" arose during the trial of Carvalho Yeo, who was indicted at the November Criminal Session on three counts of forgery and three of uttering, arising out of what is known as "the Treasury \$250,000 case," and who was found guilty of uttering three forged cheques (on each of which counts he was sentenced on Dec. 6 to concurrent terms of ten years' hard labour).

A submission on behalf of accused was reserved on Dec. 6 for consideration of the Full Court. The Full Court sat yesterday when it was announced that the submission would not be pursued. The sentence, therefore, stands and the trial has concluded.

At the first possible opportunity, to-day, the "China Mail" states emphatically that it takes the strongest exception to two of the three points which arose, such being unwarranted accusations. It also takes the opportunity to issue a statement, arising out of the third point, which cannot be permitted to pass without reply.

For obvious reasons, this article has not been published until now; but it is none the less emphatic and convincing because it has been deferred.

UNWARRANTED ACCUSATIONS

The first point is the professed astonishment of Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E., (counsel for the defence) at an announcement in the "China Mail" that Mr. Jenkin was astonished or not in concern of the "China Mail." But in his submissions, following his astonishment, Mr. Jenkin attributed to the "China Mail" statements and implications which cannot be based on a fair reading of the "China Mail."

The second point is that relating to the handing to Mr. T. Black (Treasury accountant and a witness for the Crown), by Mr. Jenkin at the end of the former's cross-examination, an article which, on being explained the next day, was an enlarged photograph of a signature alleged to be a specimen and to have been made by Mr. Black for the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The third point follows the second. In its version of the complaint by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. of what the learned counsel described in effect as inaccurate or misleading reports, the "South China Morning Post" said, by implication, that such allegedly inaccurate report had appeared in the "China Mail"; whereas, in fact, the words on which Mr. Potter laid emphasis (on the "S.C.M.P." own showing) had appeared in the "S.C.M.P." and not in the "China Mail."

THE LIFE STORY

Mr. Jenkin's Insinuation Challenged

First of all, then, as to Mr. Jenkin's astonishment. On Thursday, Nov. 22, the "China Mail" had a plain announcement, in no way ambiguous (because directness had to be its main appeal); and this was printed in the form of what is known in the profession of journalism as a "box." It read, caption and all:—

LIFE STORY

The "China Mail" has secured for publication the life story of Carvalho Yeo with its many features of absorbing interest.

Some of the facts touched upon may come up at the present trial and are, therefore, sub judice. Accordingly, the narrative will be printed as soon as the trial concludes.

Watch for that day's "China Mail." It will reveal surprises for officialdom and other sections of the community.

The poster for the day is also reproduced:—

YEO:

SENSATIONAL LIFE HISTORY PROMISED

The poster did not say that Carvalho Yeo had made any promise. If such was intended, the obvious wording would have been: Yeo Promises Sensational Autobiography or Yeo Promises Sensational Bio-

BREAD RIOTS IN MOSCOW

FRANTIC PEOPLE

GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO INCREASE BAKING OUTPUT

CAUSE OF CRISIS

Riga, Yesterday. The bread crisis reappeared in an acute form in Moscow last week. A decision of the Government to bake less bread occasioned a rumour of shortage and led to a panic among the population. Long queues were everywhere in evidence and frantic people rushed from shop to shop looking for bread. A conference of the Soviet authorities at Moscow has now decided to increase the quantity of bread baked. It is claimed that Moscow has sufficient stocks of food to feed the entire population but mismanagement has precipitated a crisis. The culprits, it is stated, will be punished.—Reuter.

"SPECIMEN" SIGNATURE

No Mention of "Photograph" on Nov. 22

Now, as to the "China Mail's" report of the proceedings on Thursday, Nov. 22, the third day of the trial, published that same afternoon. The headings were:—

"I DON'T KNOW!"

MR. BLACK AND HIS SIGNATURE

YEO TRIAL

Witness Does Not Identify His Own Specimen

PASSAGES IN 4 HOURS' CROSS-EXAMINATION

All passages relevant to the "specimen signature" are reproduced herewith:—

A sensation was caused this morning, the third day of Carvalho Yeo's trial, when at the end of the cross-examination of Mr. Thomas Black (of the Treasury) by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E. (for the defence), counsel confronted witness with the specimen signature lodged at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation by Mr. Black. Mr. Jenkin asked if Mr. Black could say if the exhibit was his own signature. Twice Mr. Black replied: "I don't know."

The signature was pasted on strong paper of about six inches by three inches.

It was handed to Mr. Black in the witness-box. Mr. Jenkin asked if it was by witness. Mr. Black hesitated and then replied: "I don't know."

Then it was handed back to counsel who, returning it to Mr. Black, said: "Have another look at it."

Mr. Black's second reply was also: "I don't know."

Mr. Jenkin, pointing to the exhibit: That is your specimen signature given to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank for this account.

Nor did the "China Mail" hold forth that it had secured a biography or autobiography as Mr. Jenkin implied in the "China Mail" does not profess to be interested in his client.

Public to Judge

So that the public can judge the fairness or otherwise of Mr. Jenkin's observations, at a time when the "China Mail" had no locus standi in Court except to report the proceedings, the report of Saturday, Nov. 24, of what the learned counsel said, is reproduced:—

He was astonished at what appeared on the front page of the "China Mail" to the effect that paper had secured the exclusive right to publish some time thereafter an account of the life of Carvalho Yeo and that in the course of such publication there would be disclosures of very interesting nature as to the conduct of officials in the Treasury generally and Government servants.

They were accustomed to reading in the Home papers articles of that class which were generally written, apparently, from the mouth of the person concerned.

The fact that there had been a desire on the part of the accused to disclose various matters, which might possibly lead to a conclusion in the departments of the Government, might possibly lead to the conclusion that the accused had acquainted himself in a measure which was beyond the scope of his duty with the manner in which these were carried out in Government departments.

"Accused was in custody and was not on bail. He was not accessible at all to the gentlemen of the Press."

Mr. Jenkin declared that he was instructed, to say, through the solicitor who had instructed him, that (accused) had no knowledge whatsoever as to how that statement came to be made in the "China Mail."

[Editor's Notes:—

* Extraneous matter.

** Had no bearing on our purpose.

*** The only point really relevant to the issue; but we are not obliged to, and we make it a practice to disclose our sources of information.]

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SALUTES EXCHANGED IN NANKING

AN HISTORIC EVENT

BRITISH MINISTER PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS

FORMAL RECOGNITION

Nanjing, Yesterday. Salutes were exchanged at Nanjing yesterday when Britain extended formal recognition to the National Government of China and Sir Miles Lampson, K.C.M.G., C.B.E., M.V.O. (H.B.M.'s Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Peking) presented credentials to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, President of the State Council.

H.M.S. "Suffolk," one of the five new 10,000 tons county-class cruisers forming the 5th Cruiser Squadron, took part, as did the Chinese steel gunboat "Chu Yu," vessel of 740 tons and 200 feet in length, in the Second Nationalist Squadron. H.M.S. "Cockchafer," of the Yangtze Gunboat Flotilla, conveyed Sir Miles Lampson away at the close of the ceremonies. A British Naval Wireless communiqué reads as follows:—

Nanjing, Yesterday. The new Tariff Treaty between China and Britain was signed at 1.15 a.m. to-day, Dec. 20.

The Minister (Sir Miles Lampson), attended by his full staff, presented his credentials at 9.30 a.m.

The route from H.B.M.'s Consulate-General to the headquarters of

RAILWAY REJUVENATION

London, Yesterday.

A contract for five gear-driven double articulated railcars for the Shanghai-Nanking Railway has been awarded to a British firm. This is stated to herald the definite commencement of the rejuvenation of transport facilities.—Reuter.

the National Government of China was lined by troops and police.

Salutes Returned

At 9.30 a.m., H.M.S. "Suffolk" fired 21 guns as a salute to the country. The Chinese gunboat "Chu Yu" (flying the flag of Rear-Admiral Chen) returned the salute.

At 9.45 a.m., H.M.S. "Suffolk" saluted the flag of Rear-Admiral Chen. This was returned also by

At 4 p.m., the Minister embarked in H.M.S. "Cockchafer" to cross the Yangtze River to the north bank, Pukow, to entrain for Peiping.

H.M.S. "Suffolk" then saluted the Minister with 17 guns. Rear-Admiral Chen also saluted the Minister with 17 guns and H.M.S. "Suffolk" returned the salute.

Prosperity of China

Reuter's version of the ceremonies, dealing with the felicities, etc., is as follows:—

Through streets lined by troops, Sir Miles Lampson, accompanied by his staff and escorted by a guard of honour, called at the State Council this morning and formally presented his credentials to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, President of the State Council.

Sir Miles Lampson was formally presented by Dr. C. T. Wang (Foreign Minister) to Marshal Chiang, who was attended by leading Chinese officials. The British Minister presented his credentials while

from H.M.S. "Suffolk" boomed out a salute of 21 guns with Chinese planes circling the city.

Sir Miles Lampson made a speech, in which he said: "Presenting the letters of my predecessor's recall and my appointment, I seize the opportunity to assure Your Excellency of my Sovereign's sincere wishes for the welfare and prosperity of China; and to convey an expression of His Majesty's esteem and regard. It will be my unfailing endeavour to maintain and promote the closest and most friendly relations between our two countries."

Commercial Intercourse

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek replied: "It gives me great pleasure to receive the letters you have presented, and I am most grateful for the assurance of the very friendly sentiments entertained by your Sovereign towards China and myself. I avail myself of this opportunity to request you to transact with your Sovereign, on behalf of the people of China and myself, sincere wishes for his speedy recovery."

Holland's Treaty

The Hague, Yesterday. The Foreign Minister, Jonkheer Van Blaak, stated that he had received a telegram from the Dutch Minister to China, giving the text of the Tariff Treaty just concluded with China on the basis of the most favoured nation treatment for goods from Holland and from the Dutch Indies to China.

Reuter's report of the negotiations

"ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL"

AN ACT OF GRACE

VENUEZUELAN GOVERNMENT & CAPTAIN BRINING

£500 COMPENSATION

London, Yesterday.

A report has been received from Mr. W. E. O'Reilly, British Minister at Caracas, stating that the Venezuelan Government have decided as an act of grace to pay Captain Brining, master of the steamer "Ninian," who was imprisoned at Puerto Cabello last year, a sum of £500.

It will be recalled that it was decided by the British Government that a formal claim for compensation should be addressed to the Venezuelan Government by Mr. O'Reilly.

Mr. O'Reilly, however, was authorised to use his discretion regarding the date on which he should present his claim. As he knew that the Venezuelan Government, who from the moment that the affair had originally been brought to their notice, had adopted a very helpful and friendly attitude towards securing for Brining certain privileges during his imprisonment which were not strictly permissible by law, had been considering the circumstances of the whole case and examining the possibility of making compensation, he postponed acting on his instructions.

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R.A.F. MARSHAL

SIR HUGH TRENCHARD RESIGNING

London, Yesterday.

The Air Ministry announce that Sir H. M. Trenchard is resigning on January 1, 1930.—Reuter.

[Sir H. M. Trenchard has been chief of the British Air Staff since 1918 and was appointed Marshal of the Royal Air Force in 1927. He is 55 years of age, and was formerly a Colonel in the Royal Scots Fusiliers.]

The Other Nations

The Sino-Swedish Treaty was signed at noon.

Nine countries have now signed Tariff Treaties with China, namely, Belgium, Britain, Denmark, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden and the United States, of which Belgium, Denmark, Italy and Portugal have given up consular jurisdiction on certain districts.

The Treaty with France is expected to be signed in a day or two, while negotiations with Spain are not expected to present any difficulty.

Japan is now the only Power with whom treaty negotiations are at a standstill.

The successful issue to these difficult and lengthy negotiations is regarded as a great triumph for Dr. C. T. Wang, while naturally the relations will greatly strengthen the prestige of the National Government.

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Hong Kong, 20th Dec.

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Hong Kong, 21st Dec.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON
MONDAY, 24th December, 1928,
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at Holt's Wharf, Kowloon.

2 Cases Machinery
20 Bundles Steel Barrels
and

28 Iron Drums—Godown No. 25, Kowloon Godowns, Kowloon.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

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Hong Kong, 20th Dec. 1928.

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Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1928.

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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore,
Colombia, Durban & Cape Town.
MANILA MARU Saturday, 20th December.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.
SHUNKO MARU Thursday, 3rd January.
SHINYO MARU (Calls at Penang & Karachi).
DURBAN, LORENZO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR
& MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.
MEXICO MARU Sunday, 6th January.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
TACOMA MARU Monday, 31st December.
(Calls at Belawan Deli).
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports From
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CHINA ASSCN.

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count. (Laughter.) With regard to the fighting services, they welcomed the Secretary of State for War, Sir Herbert Creasy and Sir John Duncan—the man who sanctioned, the man who planned and the man who led the Shanghai Defence Force—that force which took such a load of anxiety off the minds of all who had interests in China. They were glad, also, to welcome a number of guests from what was commonly known as the Silent Service, all of whom had commanded in China, namely, Admiral Borrett and Admiral MacLachlan, well known on the Yangtze not only as sailors but also as good sportsmen and golfers. There were also present Admiral Grace and Admiral Stirling, better known in Hong Kong, and Captain Dickens, from the Imperial Defence College, who was carrying on in the third generation the talents of his distinguished grandfather, Captain Kennedy Purvis. Representatives were also present of finance, the law and the Press. He was sure they all regretted that only within the last week, at an untimely age, Dr. Harold Williams, who was present at the last dinner and who hoped to be present at that dinner, had gone to his long home. Both branches of the legal profession were represented, the one by Sir Donald Maclean and the other by Sir Thomas Strangman. There were many other guests, and to all he extended, on behalf of the Committee and the members, a cordial welcome. He was privileged to couple with the toast the name of Major-General Sir John Duncan. (Cheers.)

The toast was enthusiastically honoured.

Sir John Duncan on Shanghai

Major-General Sir John Duncan, K.C.B., C.M.G., who was loudly cheered on rising to respond, said: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen—When I received your invitation to respond for the guests, and when I read the list of the distinguished company for whom I should reply, my first thoughts were to ask to be excused, as I found there would be so many present who could far better speak than I could; but on second thoughts I decided to accept the great honour which is being paid to me, and I hope you will excuse any shortcomings on my part. Firstly, I must thank Sir Skinner Turner for his kind words in proposing the toast, and I thank the Committee for their great kindness in asking us here this evening to hear these interesting speeches on China. China is at present a subject of absorbing interest. Unless one has been in China one does not realize fully the important part that this Association plays in co-ordinating the vast interests of the British community in China, and when necessary of voicing its opinion. The position of the British community there is quite unique. Nowhere else do the same conditions obtain and nowhere else are the same difficulties encountered. It was only when I arrived in Shanghai that I realised that the administration of the International Settlement was independent of any Government. The Chairman of the Municipal Government was a virtual king, and was responsible to no one except his own councillors. Despite this extraordinary situation, and in spite of the great difficulties I have never seen a show better run. (Cheers.) This great municipality, which handles commerce which is equal to the commerce of Liverpool, has a municipal system which cannot be beaten anywhere in this country. The status of this Settlement

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An Optimist

What I felt was that if the Nationalist Party discarded Communism their programme was one that must appeal to the Chinese people, and that being so, I felt that it would be the best means of stopping the civil war. I realised quite well that the Chinese Nationalists would make great demands, which it would be difficult for the British community to concede, but I thought those difficulties were small in comparison with the damage to trade which was being done by the interminable civil war. Now that the civil war is over, and things are resuming a more normal status in China, I think the most important thing to do is to re-establish that atmosphere of goodwill which existed in China between the British and the Chinese before the recent trouble. In my small way I endeavoured to establish good relations with the Chinese commanders, and all I can say is that my small efforts were always met half-way. They want to be friends. They look to us for assistance. I do not think it is true that the Chinese are anti-British; the Chinese are not anti-British; they are pro-Chinese, which is quite a different thing. Since I left Shanghai events have moved very rapidly, but I think they have moved in the right direction. I know perfectly well that many of the demands of the Nationalist Party are very embarrassing, to say the least of it, and very difficult to fulfil, but you must remember that they have got a left party, and that they must do something. I am not a business man, but if you study the price of stocks and shares in China today and what they were 18 months ago, you will see there has been an enormous improvement. Personally, I am an optimist about China; I am a great optimist about our relations with them. (Cheers.) Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I again thank you on behalf of your guests for your great kindness in asking us here, and on their behalf I wish to offer you our sincere wishes for the continued success of the China Association and all that it stands for. (Cheers.)

The Chairman

Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., in proposing the toast of "The Chairman," said he was delighted to be present to propose it after six years spent abroad, three of them amid the trials and tribulations of Southern China. He was sure, the Chairman would sympathise with him in that respect, because he had been a resident in the Far East and knew what home-coming meant. The Chairman also had first-hand acquaintance with the special difficulties of Hong Kong, where he was once a member of the Legislative Council; and on that account he (Sir Cecil Clementi) was delighted to propose his health. It was very fortunate for Hong Kong that one who had first-hand knowledge of its commerce and legislature should stand so high in the counsels of the China Association. The Association performed two very important duties. On the one hand, its various branches in Hong Kong and the various treaty ports of China collected and collated the views of British merchants in the Far East as to the best means of protecting and promoting British trade with China. On the other hand, the China Association in London fulfilled the very valuable function of explaining and expounding to people in this country the true inwardness of the kaleidoscopic changes in Chinese affairs. Time and time again during the difficult and dangerous periods that had existed since 1925 he had turned for advice and assistance to the Hong Kong branch of the China Association, and he always found that it did its utmost to inform itself accurately as to mercantile opinion; that its knowledge and experience were placed at the disposal of the Hong Kong Government, and that it did everything in its power to ensure that the view and policy of Hong Kong should be understood by Britishers in the Chinese treaty ports. Again and again, when communication by telegram and despatch from Hong Kong to London seemed like talking down a disconnected telephone, the China Association at home had

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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Mar. 6	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 14	Mar. 23
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 20	Mar. 23	Mar. 26	Mar. 28	Apr. 6
EMPEROR OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 14	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	June 1
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When the Council's Finance Committee sat after the meeting, Sir Henry asked for information about three of the votes. In connection with the \$60,000 required additionally for passages for Civil Servants, Sir Henry pressed for a reply as to whether approval for high expenditure had been given by the Finance Committee, and also when the period of service to qualify for leave was reduced.

General Orders
The Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.C., C.B.E.) chairman, replied that the length of service to qualify for leave was approved very shortly after Sir Cecil Clementi arrived in the Colony.

Sir Henry wanted to know whether it was brought before the Finance Committee. It looked to him as being something in the nature of a bonus to Government servants. The chairman said that leave was now granted for four years' service and in very senior cases it was possible to obtain leave by special privilege after three years. Both these rules had been incorporated in the general orders for some time, but he was not prepared at the moment to give the exact date.

The Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes asked whether it was brought before the Finance Committee. An extract from the Directors' report shows that the net result of the year's transaction gives a balance on the credit of Profit and Loss Account of £534,457, made up as follows:—

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Sir Henry: My point is that this matter should have been brought before the Finance Committee because obviously this amounts to something like a bonus the officers are receiving.

The chairman replied that his impression was that it was brought about in order to make leave uniform throughout the Empire.

Sir Henry: I still think that the matter should have been brought before the Finance Committee.

The chairman mentioned that it was referred to in the estimates when a sum of \$200,000 was provided for. In passing that members accepted the general orders under which leave was granted. The matter had been brought before the Legislature Council and the Finance Committee.

The estimates were subsequently produced and Sir Henry expressed himself as satisfied.

Other Votes
Sir Henry Pollock asked, in respect of a vote for \$450 for vaccination and registration of births, what provision was made for public vaccination in view of the present outbreak of small-pox.

The chairman replied that vaccination was performed free of charge in Government hospitals, in Chinese hospital, at Chinese public dispensaries and by the St. John Ambulance Brigade. The Brigade was conducting a vigorous campaign and the figures of the numbers vaccinated were very satisfactory.

With regard to a Sanitary Department vote for \$150 in respect of anti-malaria work, Sir Henry asked in what outlying districts the work was being carried out.

The chairman replied in the vicinity of the police stations in the New Territories and also in a number of the larger villages.

Sir Henry was assured by the chairman that the Chinese section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway had already paid the charges referred to in a vote in respect of Chinese Section rolling stock.

The twenty votes totalling \$78,288 to supplement the 1928 expenditure were all approved.

Members Present

The attendance comprised:—
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The Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., LL.D.

The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.

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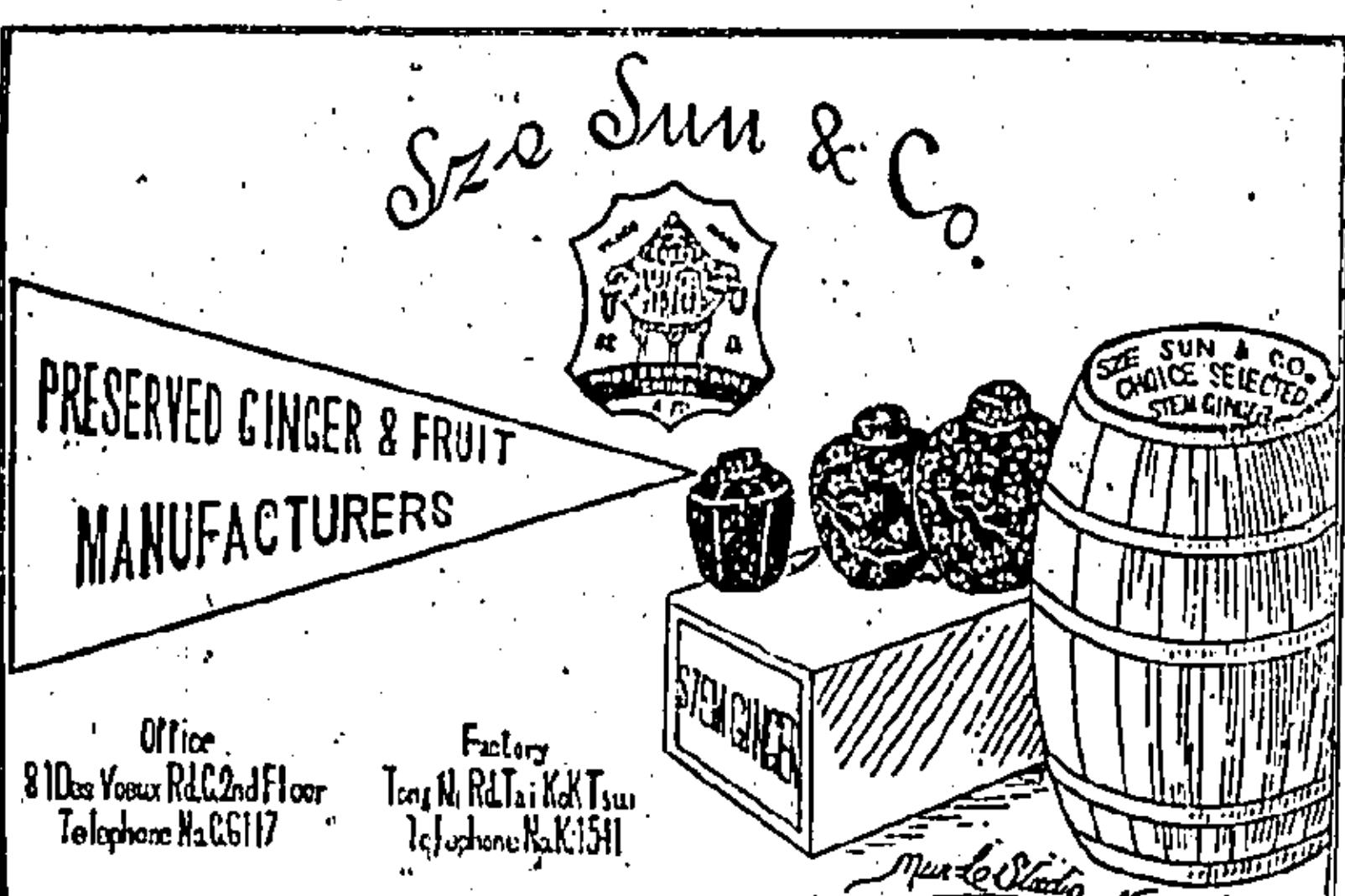
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DEATH

BATEMAN.—Nov., 1928, Elizabeth Annie Bateman, formerly Head Mistress, Bellios Public School.

Hong Kong, Friday, Dec. 21, 1928.

THE "VESTRIS" REPORT

We are inclined to think that the report submitted to the United States Congress on the "Vestriss" disaster will be very generally condemned, particularly in England and by fair-minded Americans. It savours far too much of the regrettable spirit that was manifested in the inquiry from the first and which obviously seemed to be much more bent upon finding a scapegoat upon whom to lay the brunt of the blame than of arriving at a just conclusion. The flagrantly biased and, in some respects, ridiculous statements which several of the survivors made (and which were afterwards "touched up" for the purposes of certain sensation-loving newspapers)—were given far too much credence; so much so that it soon became evident, even to those inclined to believe them, that a drastic change was necessary in the personnel of those comprising the Inquiry. Complying with the request of the British Government two experts, one a British shipping man of wide experience and the other an American ex-Naval officer, were included in the body conducting the Inquiry. But while there was, as stated, a change, there was not, unfortunately, as much improvement as had been

expected. The Inquiry continued to lack the proper atmosphere essential to such tribunals, which, when not judicial, is practically worthless. The quest for a scapegoat continued to prevail and that it was never absent from the Inquiry is now evident from the report to Congress.

The loss of life, so we are told, was owing to the lack of stability of the "Vestriss"—in other words it would seem, that the vessel was not sea-worthy. And yet it was at an American port that the "Vestriss" received (and not long before the disaster) her papers indicating her sea-worthiness. Simultaneously with the statement that the vessel was not subject to the British Board of Trade we are told that neither was she subject to the law of the United States. To the "lack of stability" we are told something that few if any will believe, as to the "incompetence" of the ill-fated vessel's captain and crew. This is the sort of "judicial" conclusion reached in the face of the clear statements of those most competent to judge of what took place, namely, the ship's officers, who quietly told of the captain's gallantry and of what had been done in his and the crew's terrible distress.

It is probable that those comprising the personnel of the Inquiry were all along acting in the belief that they were conducting it in the best possible manner, but the presence of so much irrelevant matter, which obviously pointed to the finding of a scapegoat, and to the absence of anything approaching the judicial spirit, will cause most people to place little or no reliance upon the report. It is to be hoped that the American Congress will express dissatisfaction with the report and order another inquiry to be held or, if this is now impracticable, to place the recorded evidence in the hands of a judicial body able and willing to arrive at a sound conclusion.

A Vehicular Ferry

The exhaustive sessional paper laid before the Legislative Council yesterday on the subject of a vehicular ferry across the harbour will be read with great interest by all who appreciate that existing transportation facilities between Hong Kong and the mainland are not so complete as they might be. The Governmental idea on the subject, it appears, is that such a ferry would prove of value—but, at the present time, would not earn sufficient to justify the cost of installation. So much, then, for the vehicular

ferry. What interests more in the paper is the reference to the harbour tunnel proposal. It is stated that the cost of constructing such a tunnel would be very much greater than the amount required for the provision of a vehicular ferry service and would also involve heavy recurrent charges for maintenance, ventilation, drainage and lighting. No doubt all this, in a degree, is true, but it does not constitute an effective argument for the dropping of the tunnel proposal. Not, we presume, having thoroughly investigated the points in favour of and against the boring of a tunnel, the officials responsible for the sessional paper on the vehicular ferry scheme are hardly in a position to condemn the proposal. For ourselves, we still think the construction of a cross-harbour tunnel would provide the best solution to our transportation difficulties as well as to the problem of the shortage of water on the Island. With a tunnel, as we have pointed out before, there could be installed a large-sized pipe-line which would, all the time, be under observation and accessible. This would constitute a step of more practical value—though, of course, the cost would be greater—than the present plan of laying water-pipes on the bed of the harbour.

That a few men can attain almost any ideal for a city or nation, if banded together for righteousness, was declared by Rev. R. H. Schuett. "The great mass of the people," he said, "live with the idea that the majority has always ruled, and will always rule. But throughout the ages it is really the minority that has ruled the world. God never submits his decrees to a popular election. When the children of Israel were slaves in Egypt, God sent one man endowed with great powers, to their rescue. . . . The universe revolves about minorities."—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

The "China Mail" understands that a Chinese gunboat was launched yesterday afternoon.

From Mackintosh and Co., Ltd., men's wear specialists, have come two handy office and pocket calendars.

As the result of falling off a cockloft whilst asleep, a Chinese, living at No. 30, Eastern-street, was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from severe injuries to his head.

CORRESPONDENCE

DANTHONIA: A SPLENDID GRASS

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Sir.—This variety does not yet appear to be known in your country, and judging by the favourable reports here of its great success in many places, it is worthy of some attention. For

some years past it has been

grown in the southern portion of our State and New Zealand. It is considered a valuable pasture

grass, and is credited with carrying two sheep to the acre, and is very palatable and fattening. It

is a perennial, fine leaved, tussocky grass, growing from one or two feet high, and provides feed for the greater part of the year.

It is said to be a good winter grass, will stand a great amount of grazing, and its palatability both for cattle and sheep is well known. Even when other grasses are completely dried up it will

provide a fair amount of greenness in the bottom growth, and it is due to this that the Riverina

country in our State can carry excellent sheep during a dry spring and summer. In New Zealand it

is recommended for both very dry and very wet soils, and it will

give a good return even in very poor ground. It is said that it

will grow equally well in the coastal districts and in the interior, and is specially adapted to

poorer soils, unsuitable for other grasses, and will live where cockfoot and ryegrass succumb or fail for want of humidity or

nourishment. It is very nutritious, fattening, and greatly relished by all kinds of stock. It grows

TO THE SEEKERS

MR. MANUK'S LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN MYSTICISM

THEOSOPHICAL TEACHINGS

Before members of the Hong Kong Theosophical Society and others, yesterday, Mr. M. Manuk delivered a lecture on "Christian Mysticism." He said:

I wish you to understand that my lecture of this evening is not for those who have found all the comfort and spiritual consolation in the teachings of the Churches as presented, for they have already found in their own way what will be most helpful to them in their attainment of their ideal: my lecture to-night is for those eager and earnest souls who are seeking the same spiritual comfort and consolation but who are dissatisfied with what is presented to them as Truth; those whose analytical and logical mind has to be satisfied before they will accept. Faith to such is a matter of mental realisation and not of intuitive acceptance. It is for these that I speak to-night.

You will remember the Master said to his disciples "To you it is given to understand but to those I speak in parables" and so it has been throughout the ages every religion has had its esoteric or hidden side for those who were able to understand, and its exoteric side for the "man in the street." The present age has seen an extraordinary impetus given to man's mind, and man therefore refuses to accept that which he cannot understand. The Theosophical teaching brings to the enquirer the inner meanings hidden in parables and allegories to explain the fundamental Truths in every religion.

A Spiritual Being

There are some who think that religion is the outcome of man's experiences on the physical plane essentially based on fear. But

religion in its true sense is the explanation of life, and man's position in the scheme of creation. We find on investigation that in every case the teachings of the founder of any religion are, and have been far in advance of the conception of its followers, i.e., in no case has religion improved by age but rather has been crystallised and distorted into Theological Systems.

Man essentially is a spiritual being sharing in, and being part of the Omnipresent Life manifesting in all creation and man's goal therefore is to find his conscious unity with this Life. Religion is the way to that goal and the founders or religion by their teaching and by their life have tried to show men the path they themselves have trodden to that realisation. The Christian religion is no exception to that rule. "To know God is life Eternal" and as we live, move and have our being in Him, and as in His Omnipresence He is within us, it is therefore possible to know God and not simply to believe in Him. The life of Jesus Christ was an indication how we are to proceed in order to know the Father within us. He claimed to be one with the Father and attributed all his works to that Father in Him "Of myself I can do nothing, the Father in me, He does the works."

The Love Aspect

The term "Christ" is mistakenly taken to be the name or title of office of the person Jesus, but the "Christ" is in reality the Christos, the second or Love aspect of the Universal life whom we call God and to whom Jesus referred to as the Father in Heaven. This Christ aspect is latent in all men only waiting for its manifestation or birth "My little children of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you." In Jesus, the "Christ" was born as it shall be in all men in course of time. The Apostles regarded Jesus "as one among many brethren." Jesus the Christ considered in this light had found his Unity with His Spiritual self and incarnated to teach the way to liberation from the illusions of the outer self. He claimed nothing for Himself which He did not say that others shall attain. He wrought no miracles which He did not tell His disciples that they also could perform. Let us then consider this "Christ" Principle which is in all and the realisation of which is Life Eternal.

The Life of the man Jesus when studied esoterically gives us a clear history of the evolution of the soul from the human to the superhuman stage. The story as related in the Gospels, may or may not be quite accurate as a historical event, but the incidents woven into the life of the man Jesus are an accurate process of the unfoldment of the life within through temptations and sufferings, crucifixion and death and the ultimate liberation from the illusions of the lower self.

Triumphant-Rise

His birth symbolises the birth of the Christ in each man, and as an aspect of the Eternal, it is of in reality the At-One-Mental Goal.

Man (from Manna—the thinker) had his fall when that thinker

AMBULANCE WORK

VICTORS IN THE FINAL EXAMINATION TEST

THE HO FOOK CUP

Major Campbell, R.A.M.C., and Surgeon Lieutenant Davis, R.N., sat as judges in the final examination test by members of the Kowloon Railway Division of St. John Ambulance Brigade, who competed for the Ho Fook silver cup on the Kowloon Football Club ground yesterday.

The result was: (1) Li Ping-tsan, Kun Ngok-sang and Leung Chung-yin; (2) Wan Hau-kong, Chung Tin-cheong, Chan Yuk and Lam Hon-cheong. The winning squad competed with three men as against their opponents' four, owing to the death of one of their men, Cheung Kam, in October. In spite of being a man short, this team won.

Originally 32 members competed, being divided into eight squads of four men each. Dr. J. E. Dovey conducted the earlier examinations and the results were 43, 77, 77, 78, 80 and 61. The finalists won their semi-finals by defeating their opponents with 88 per cent. against 82 per cent. and 90 per cent. against 88 per cent.

The winning squad, represented by Mr. Li Ping-tsan, received the cup from Mr. R. Baker, manager of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, who congratulated them and expressed thanks to Dr. Dovey for the time he had devoted to the division.

The organising of the competition was in the hands of Mr. I. B. Trevor, assistant traffic-manager.

At the conclusion, all present

retired to the club house, where

tea was served.

"PARISIAN REVUE"

OPENING AT QUEEN'S ON SUNDAY

"The Parisian Revue," a company of ten talented artists under the direction of Signor Carpi, the well-known manager of Eastern Theatrical Companies, will open a short season at the Queen's Theatre at 9.20 p.m. on Sunday next, according to a special advertisement in this issue. Among the members of the company are Mlle. Mangeli, Premiere Danseuse, and Boris Seroff, ballet master, two clever artists who have appeared with considerable success in such well-known places as "The Kit Kat Club," London, "The Folies Bergere," Paris, and "The Winter Garden," Berlin. Everything from classical dancing to the latest thing in Jazz will be given by the company during the Hong Kong season. One item of outstanding merit is the presentation of "Dawn," a beautiful and fantastic creation depicting the evolution of a day. "The Parisian Revue" is Signor Carpi's latest venture in the theatrical world and should prove a refreshing attraction to theatre-goers in general. Seats may now be booked in advance for any night of the season. There is to be a slight increase in prices.

REPARATIONS

COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS LIKELY

London, Yesterday. It is stated to-day that conversations are still proceeding between the interested Powers regarding the setting up of a committee of experts to investigate the possibility of a settlement of the reparations problem and it is hoped a pronouncement on the subject will be possible in the course of the next few days.—British Wireless Service.

bolishes the washing away of the lower and worldly desires and the acquisition of the power to overcome the temptations of the lower self.

FORGED NOTES

CHINESE COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

A TELL-TALE BULGE

Yesterday afternoon Major G. Wilson, O.B.E., committed for trial to the January Criminal Sessions a Chinese named Tam Wing, a cook employed on the a.s.s. "Sai On," on a charge of possession of 342 forged \$10 currency notes of the Straits Settlements Treasury.

These notes, which were suspected to have been counterfeited in Canton, were alleged to have been found in the accused's possession on the ship's arrival from Canton on December 10. He was evidently attempting to smuggle them into the Colony, because he was intercepted by revenue officers as he was attempting to walk off the Tung On wharf. There was a bulge under the front of accused's jacket, and when Revenue Officer Grimmett searched the man, the notes were found concealed in accused's girdle.

Tam Cheung-hing, a shroff of the Mercantile Bank of India gave evidence to the effect that the notes were not very good forgeries, although they might deceive an ordinary person not acquainted with Straits notes.

THE CONSPIRACY CHARGE

This morning Mr. R. E. Lindsell took further evidence for the prosecution in the case in which a number of Chinese men and women are charged with conspiracy to utter in the Colony a quantity of forged \$10 (1923 issue) bank notes of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

To-day's witness was Mr. Ho Pun-sze, assistant Superintendent of the Issue Department of the Canton Head Office of the Central Bank of China, who had come to Hong Kong specially to give evidence in the case, in connection with the seizure by the local police of a number of copper plates bearing engravings of Central Bank of China \$10 notes during a raid of the gang's den.

Exhibits

Subsequent to the seizing of these plates, a printing machine and other "exhibits," two of the accused led the police to Jardine-bazaar where they pointed out the hiding place of the forged local notes, concealed under a pile of wood on a piece of ground on which building operations were going on.

Mr. Ho told the Court that all the branches of the Central Bank of China, under the control of the Canton Head Office, were in the province of Kwangtung. There was no branch of the bank in Hong Kong at present. Witness had held his post at the Canton Head Office for 14 months, but his banking experience had extended over eight or nine years.

The Central Bank of China, the witness said, issued bank notes in five denominations, namely, one yuan, five yuans, ten yuans, fifty yuans and hundred yuans. He produced three genuine \$10 notes of the bank. Two of these notes were of an issue of four or five years back, one had been redeemed by the Government and subsequently re-issued after it had been specially "chopped." The third note was one of the latest issue of this year.

All the notes produced by witness were made for the bank in the United States by the American Banknote Co. After the receipt of these notes from America, and before issue, two signatures were printed on the notes by machinery in Canton. In one of the issues, also, two Chinese characters for "Kwangtung" were printed over the picture of Sun Yat-sen.

Notes Compared

Two printed documents were handed in to the witness by Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P. After examining these, the witness said that they bore representations of the front and back of one of the bank's old issue \$10 notes. The print representing the back of the note was complete, one representing the front lacked the numbers and scroll work. As far as they had been printed, these documents appeared to the witness to be a fair imitation of the genuine notes of the bank.

Mr. Murphy then produced two copper plates, and after examining these, the witness said that they could be used to produce the two prints previously handed up to him. A zinc plate was then handed up by Mr. Murphy, and the witness said that this bore the signatures "L. S. Wong" and "T. V. Soong" the same as they appeared on the genuine notes of the bank.

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AFGHAN FERMENT

DETAILS TO HAND OF THE OUTBREAK

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U.S. RELIEF LOAN

\$15,000,000 FOR GALE SUFFERERS

Washington, Yesterday.

The Senate has passed a bill authorising a \$15,000,000 loan for the relief of cotton growers and other farmers who suffered in the recent hurricane. The bill has now to be submitted to the House of Representatives. Loans will be given to \$3,000 to any single farmer.—Reuter's American Service.

ALLEGED ARSON

A KEROSENE SATURATED PAPER BALL FOUND

CHINESE MERCHANT'S REPORT

A case of attempted arson has been reported to the police by Yung Chae-hae, a Chinese merchant living at No. 118, Whitfield, a house which he owns. Yung stated that at 1:50 a.m. yesterday, he was awakened by the smell of something burning. He investigated and found that the stairs' door of the second floor was on fire. The flames were extinguished with buckets of water.

Afterwards Yung found on the landing a large ball of old Chinese newspaper saturated with kerosene and partly burned.

He has no clue as to the identity of the person or persons responsible for the attempted arson.

PARLIAMENT

London, Yesterday. Parliament has adjourned until January 22.—Reuter.

THE HAGUE

Yesterday.—The Second Chamber has adopted a bill for the reduction of the excise duty on spirits by 40 per cent. on the present duty of 330 florins per 220 gallons proof spirit. The reduction is due to the tremendous increase in the manufacture and sale of contraband alcohol since the excise duty was doubled in 1920, the result of which duty actually yielded less than before it was doubled.—Reuter.

New York, Yesterday.—The Stock Exchange has arranged to purchase two adjoining buildings, which will give it the entire square, in accordance with their programme of expansion, necessitated in the recent wave of speculative enthusiasm which taxed the existing facilities to the utmost.—Reuter's American Service.

Mr. K. H. Quake, Branch Manager of E. S. & R. C. Moulton, Ltd., Financial Agents for Queenland Forests, Ltd., has arrived in Ipoh from Singapore.

HANKOW CLUB

Hankow, Wednesday. No further developments in regard to the Hankow Wide Tax Bureau's desire to inspect the wine stock of the Hankow Club have been reported.—British Naval Wireless.

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PTE. JAMES BOYLE

AGAIN FORMALLY REMANDED AT MAGISTRACY

SGT. KERR'S CONDITION

Private James Boyle, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, charged with the attempted murder of Sergeant A. Kerr of the same regiment, and alternately with causing bodily harm by stabbing him in the ribs with a mess knife, on board H.M. Transport "Somersetshire" while on the high seas between Aden and Colombo, on the night of October 19-20 last, was again before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy, this morning, when a further week's formal remand was given.

It is understood that a telegram was received from Colombo on December 15 to the effect that the wounded Sergeant's condition is still precarious, and no definite opinion can at present be made as to whether or not he is out of danger.

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STOLE A CHICKEN

AND BROKE HIS WRIST IN THE ATTEMPT

How a Chinese, when endeavouring to get away from the place where he had stolen a chicken, broke his wrist as a result of jumping from a verandah, was related at the Kowloon Court to-day, by the complainant in a case in which a Chinese coolie appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton on a charge of larceny. He was sentenced to six weeks' jail.

EUGENE O'NEILL

The "China Mail" is reliably informed that Mr. Eugene O'Neill, the American dramatist, did not "disappear" from Shanghai "in disgust," as hinted. He is believed to be still staying at the Astor House, Shanghai, in poor health, and to have given instructions that his residence there is not to be divulged under any circumstance.

Last week-end many inquiries were made at the "China Mail" office as to whether Mr. O'Neill had left Shanghai and come down here. It is known that he did not come to Hong Kong.

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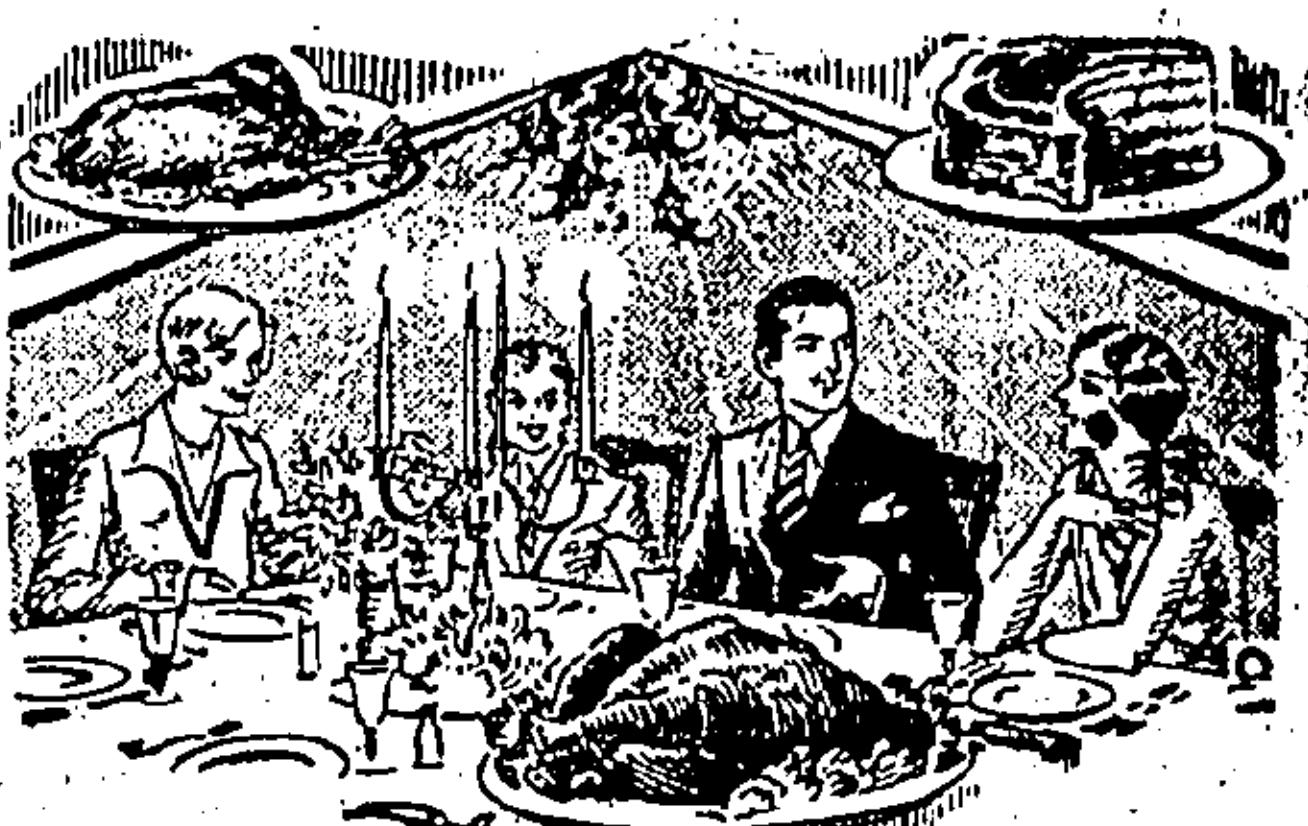
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CARVALHO YEO

FULL COURT DISMISSES POINT

APPEAL TO GOVERNOR?

The Full Court, comprising His Lordship the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, K.C.) and the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice P. Jacks, sat at the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon to consider a point which arose in the course of the trial of Carvalho Yeo in connection with the Treasury fraud.

The point was Mr. F. C. Jenkins's request for the production of the files of the Criminal Intelligence Department concerning the department's investigation concerning Tsang On-wing and Chan Man-kun. This Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence refused to do, and Mr. Justice Jacks (who heard the case against Yeo) ruled that file of the C.I.D. came under the privilege of protection. The question as to whether or not the file was admissible was reserved for the consideration of the Full Court.

Yeo's Request

When the Court sat yesterday afternoon, Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney General, appeared for the Crown supported by Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, M.C. Mr. C. A. S. Russ, Yeo's solicitor attended, but Mr. Jenkins, counsel for defence, was not present.

The Chief Justice read a letter from Mr. Jenkins stating that the defence did not now propose to seek a decision of the Full Court on the point reserved.

Adding "I understand that this point has been abandoned by your legal advisers," the Chief Justice asked Yeo if he had anything to say.

Yeo replied that he did not "quite catch" the meaning of the letter read by His Lordship, and requested that it be interpreted to him in Chinese.

The Chief Justice pointed out to Yeo that he understood perfectly all that was said in English during the trial, and therefore he did not require an interpreter now.

Yeo repeated his request, and after consultation with Mr. Justice Jacks, Mr. Jenkins's letter was translated to Yeo in Chinese.

"Very Heavy"

Asked again if he had anything to say, Yeo said that for a first offence, his sentence was "very heavy." He went on to say that he had read in the newspapers of other cases of forgery and uttering involving from \$130,000 to \$150,000, in which sentences of only five years had been passed.

The Chief Justice said that the Full Court had nothing to do with the sentence. If Yeo wished to make any representation on that point he must send a petition to the Governor. The only point to be considered by the Court was whether the file of the C.I.D. was admissible or not, and as Yeo's Counsel did not wish to seek a decision on the point, it must be ruled that the learned Puisne Judge's ruling that it was not admissible was correct, and the point dismissed.

Adjourned

Addressing Mr. Fitzroy, the Chief Justice said that the letter from Mr. Jenkins was received on December 18, and as the defence no longer desired the point to be dealt with, there was no need for Mr. Fitzroy to say anything. His Lordship also explained that the Full Court had assembled because it was not possible to accept Mr. Jenkins's letter, and must hold a meeting and bring the matter properly before the Court.

The Full Court was then adjourned sine die.

TO-DAY'S RADIO

BROADCAST BY G.O.W.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government radio station on the Peak, the wave-length being 300 metres. The call sign of the station is G.O.W.

5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.

7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Evening Programme (Columbia Records). "The Voice of the Southland" and "Lady of Havasu"—Fox Trot. Thelma Terry and her Play Boys.

"Away Down South in Heaven" and "Didi Tell You?"—Layton and Johnstone.

"Dawn of To-morrow" Waltz and "Polly," Novelty Fox Trot. Hotel Astor Orchestra.

"Rhapsody No. 2," Listz—Squire Coleate Octet.

"Flitting Birds," Gennin and "Idylle Bretonne," Gennin—Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

"Quartet in E Flat," Schubert.

(a) Allegro Moderato, (b) Adagio, (c) Allegro—Musical Art Quartet.

"Aida," O. Patria Mia and "Il Trovatore," D'Amor Sull'All Rose.

Eva Turner.

"Le Maschere," Sinfonia (Maschera)—Milan Symphony Orchestra.

"Berceuse in D Flat," Chopin and "Romance in F Sharp Major," Schumann—Pianoforte Solo by William Murdoch.

"Song Without Words," in "D" Mendelssohn and "Melodie," Tchaikowsky—Cello Solo by Gaspar Cassado.

"Il Trovatore," Duet, Act 4.

Arang Lombardi and Carlo Galeffi.

"God Save the King," Close-Down.

YAUMATI SCHOOL

ANNUAL SPORTS MEET HELD

23 EVENTS

A long and interesting programme comprising 23 events was successfully gone through at King's Park, Kowloon, yesterday, when the 12th annual athletic sports meeting of the Yaumati School was held in the presence of a large gathering of supporters of the school. Competition in the various events was very keen and a fine day's sports was enjoyed by all. The students did exceptionally well in the high jump, the winner of which cleared 5ft. 1in.

Much interest centred on the relay race open to all schools, and it provided much excitement. Wan-chai Government School won, with Queen's College a good second.

At the conclusion of the sports, Mr. C. Mycock, the headmaster invited Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, to distribute the prizes. Mr. Wood, replying said that he felt honoured by having been asked to perform the pleasant duty of giving away the prizes. He thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon's sports, particularly the master race. He was glad to see that the masters who had worked hardest behind the scenes secured places in that race.

Results

The results were:—
100 yards, Group I. 1, Leung Chin-man; 2, Li Hon-ho; 3, Chan Kam-wing.
100 yards, Group II.—1, Pun Chuen-pui; 2, Leung Tak-wai; 3, Yuen Wa-cheuk.
100 yards, Group III.—1, Pun Sai-kit; Chan New-wan; 3, Chan Yin-wan.

High Jump, Group I.—1, Ip Shiu-hung; 2, Chan Kam-wing; 3, Leung Chin-man.

High Jump, Group II.—1, Li Sui-hung; 2, Yuen Hon-ching; 3, Sung Tak-wai.

High Jump, Group III.—1, Chan Yin-wan; 2, Pun Sai-kit; 3, Li Sui-hung.

Sack Race.—1, Au Kwong-wai; 2, Li Sui-hung; 3, Chung Shui-hor.

Flag Race.—1, Pun Sai-kit; 2, Chan Yin-wan; 3, Tsang Tak-chuen.

Long Jump, Group I.—1, Leung Chin-man; 2, Chan Kam-wing; 3, Li Hon-ho.

Three-legged race.—1, Li Hon-ho and Tse Che-kau; 2, Tam U-fong and Chan Sik-lun; 3, To Yun-wing and Chan Kam-wing.

Three Hundred Yards, Group I.—1, Leung Chin-man; 2, Li Hon-ho; 3, Chan Kam-wing.

Three Hundred Yards, Group II.—1, Li Sul-hung; 2, Chung Ming-kwong; 3, Yuen Wa-cheuk.

200 Yards Handicap, Group III.—1, Lo Tse-choy; 2, Pun Sai-kit; 3, Cheung Chow-ming.

Pick-a-back Race.—1, Ip Shiu-hung and Leung Hon-ming; 2, To Yun-wing and Chan Kam-wing; 3, Li Hon-hi and Leung Yun-sang.

400 Yards for past pupils.—1, Lo Kwong-to; 2, Fung Chi-to; 3, Lam Ho-kwan.

Inter-class team race (Senior).—1, Class 4A.

Inter-class team race (Junior).—1, Class 6B.

Invitation Team Race.—1, Wan-chai School.

Masters' Race.—1, Mr. Chiui Him; 2, Mr. Sung On-wing; 3, Mr. Ho Yun-tak.

Tug of War.—1, "A" Division. Consolation Race.—1, Wong Man-chi; 2, Wong Kam-pai; 3, Li Kwan-lun.

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THE VOLUNTEERS

COMMANDANT ISSUES NEW ORDERS

PROMOTIONS

The following orders have been issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant:

Field Day

On Sunday, Jan. 20, 1929, a field firing exercise will be carried out at Fanling in which all units of the Corps will participate. All ranks are requested to keep the day open.

Corps Orders

No Corps Orders will be issued on Friday, Dec. 28, 1928, next orders will be issued on Jan. 4, 1929.

Camp Pay

All units will parade under Company arrangements to draw camp pay at Corps Headquarters on Friday, Dec. 21, 1928.

Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long

Service Medal

The following extract from the "Hong Kong Government Gazette" No. 53 of Dec. 14, 1928, is repeated for information.

"The medal shall be worn after all British War Medals in such order as may from time to time be assigned to it, suspended from the left breast by a green ribbon of one inch and a quarter in width."

Corps Band

There will be a full Band Practice on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1929, at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters.

The Battery

Friday, Dec. 21, 1928. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of drawing camp pay.

Battery Dinner

It is proposed to hold the annual dinner either in the last week of January or the first week of February, 1929.

Will all members please advise the O.C. Battery, as early as possible, if there are any dates within the above period on which they will not be able to attend in order that a date on which the maximum number can attend may be fixed.

Corps Signals

Monday, Jan. 7, 1929. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Signal Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Mounted Infantry Co.

Thursday, Jan. 10, 1929. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for instruction on the Machine Gun.

Armoured Car Co.

Car Section. Friday, Dec. 21, 1928. The Section will parade to draw camp pay at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 11, 1929. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for run around the Island in the Armoured Car.

Machine Gun Co.

Those who have not yet fired Part II. Musketry Course will do so at Stonecutters on dates as hereunder:

Sunday, Jan. 6.—No. 2 Platoon, under Lieut. J. N. Owen.

Sunday, Jan. 13.—No. 1 Platoon, under Lieut. H. Owen Hughes.

Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m. Arms may be drawn from Corps Headquarters at times given below:

Fridays, Jan. 4 and 11, 1929, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon; or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.

Saturdays, Jan. 5 and 12, 1929, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Dress: Rifle, belt, bayonet, braces and pouches. Uniform or mufti optional.

Foot Ease

Machine Gun Co.

Thursday, Jan. 10, 1929. Platoons will parade at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction.

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The "Sunday Herald" Internationals

CHINESE DERBY

Attractive Christmas Programme

[By "Rover."]
The official programme with officials for Saturday is as follows:—

Hong Kong League, Division I—kick-off 4.00 p.m.
South China v. Chinese Athletic, Caroline Hill—referee, Mr. Hollands.
Club v. Small Units, Club ground—referee, Capt. Austin, R.A.
Kowloon v. K.O.S.B. Regt., Kowloon A.F.C.—referee, Engr. Wt. Barbour, R.N.
Police v. Navy (A), St. Joseph's, Happy Valley—referee, L.B.S. Atkinson, R.N.
R.A. v. Club Recreio, Sookumpoo—referee, Ed. Mr. Kerslake.
Hong Kong League, Division II—kick-off 2.30 p.m.
K.O.S.B. Regt. v. Eastern, Sookumpoo—referee, Sgt. Toms.
Navy (B) v. Queen's, Navy ground—referee, Cpl. Lees.
R.A. v. Kowloon, Chatham-road—referee, Sif. Sgt. Gilmour.
South China B v. St. Joseph's, Caroline Hill—referee, Mr. Stokes.
Recreio v. Chinese Athletic, Recreio ground, King's Park—referee, L.S. Hartnell, R.N.
R.A.F. v. Small Units, Kowloon—referee, C. P. O. Craig.

The big match on Saturday is the meeting of the two local Chinese Clubs, South China and the Athletic. The Athletic is playing very little below the brilliant form of last season, whilst the South China XI have improved greatly, and up to date possess an unbeaten record in the League. Each of the Chinese Clubs so far this season has relied on the bare XI with one or two reserves for emergencies. Herein lies the secret of their success, for combination has been the big feature in both Clubs.

The match should be intensely interesting, and the result very difficult to forecast, as the importance of the match, will, I think very seriously affect the play, but on form-there should be very little between the teams at the final and certainly neither side should claim a runaway, unless the unexpected happens.

The Club and Small Units match should be of considerable interest, but although the Small Units defeated the Club earlier in the season in a friendly, I fully expect Club to improve their goal average on Saturday, and get full points consequently. The Club in their last League match surprisingly defeated a strong Naval XI by three clear goals. Goldman's liveliness forward has rejuvenated the team. I expect the Club to do much better things in future than their records to date indicate, as they have a strong playing list available.

The Police and Navy game at the Valley would be a fine one if it could be played on a better pitch, as these Junior pitches are not good enough for a big match. A poor game, with a close result, but Navy after their recent match with Army are now favourites, and with a slice of luck may spoil the Police's fine run of successes. Navy will not have the assistance of the "Ken" players but will field a warm lot. "Hermes" and "Berwick" players filling the breach.

The R. A. entertain Recreio at Sookumpoo. This should be a hard match. With a full side, which is likely in view of the approaching Portugal v. Scotland match, Recreio should at least share the points, and as the large ground will suit their fast forwards, I think they will get the points. It should be a good match anyhow.

At Kowloon the only match in the 1st Division is on the Railway ground, and the Borderers should prove a fine draw. This match will be a real test of strength for the locals, as the Regimental team is going strong.

The Junior programme is interesting. The K.O.S.B. Regiment should not take Eastern too easily as they will find the latter have several very capable players. They furnished Queen's Regiment Reserves with a surprise on Saturday last. The big match in the Junior programme is Navy v. Queen's Regiment. I fancy the Navy, and R.A. St. Joseph's, Chinese Athletic and R.A.F. should add to their League points on Saturday.

The Christmas programme is all of a "Charity" nature and of exceptional interest. The International matches for the "Sunday Herald"

GOLF

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY
AT FANLING

9.28 a.m.	A. B. Stewart, R. H. Hollis.
9.32	E. D. Black, H. Spicer.
9.36	R. A. Green, J. D. H. Crawford.
9.40	F. A. Merry, L. R. Andrews.
9.44	A. E. Wood, N. L. Smith.
9.48	W. J. S. Key, C. J. Waddell.
9.52	A. R. Cox, W. C. Clarke.
9.56	R. L. Stewart, H. N. Laver.
10.00	L. G. S. Dodwell, A. H. Ferguson.
10.04	R. K. Valentine, J. S. McEachran.
10.08	H. C. Williams, D. Forbes.
10.12	M. J. Mills, A. E. Mitchell.
10.16	V. M. Grayburn, J. D. Danby.
10.20	W. A. Weight, J. P. Sherry.
10.24	H. G. Sheldon, D. J. Lewis.
10.28	W. S. McKinley, L. J. Blakburn.
10.32	I. H. Geare, K. E. Creig.
10.36	J. Raikes, H. J. Ireland.
10.40	W. J. Clerk, I. MacKay.
10.44	C. E. Holmes, T. L. Christie.
10.52	A. C. I. Bowker, D. J. Gilmore.
10.56	A. D. Humphreys, J. Cameron.
10.00	T. G. Weall, J. M. Norrie.
11.04	F. A. Perry, S. M. Mayes.
11.08	A. B. Purves, A. E. Lissaman.
11.12	F. A. Redmond, E. des Voeux.
11.16	P. P. J. Wedhouse, J. S. MacLaren.
11.20	L. Gardner, G. E. Towns.
11.24	L. Yates, H. A. Lamert.
11.26	A. Leach, Major Beamish.
11.36	C. B. Matthews, A. Webster.
11.40	A. B. Raworth, M. M. Mass.
11.44	R. E. Greensmith, R. Barrett.
11.48	D. Ellis, J. Gardner.

McBride (Capt.), Stewart, Wallington; Watson, Alexander Goldman, Scott, Tramitzky.

Royal Navy "A" v. Police

Royal Navy "B" v. Brockman

("Titania"); Abbott ("Berwick"), Baker ("Titania"), "Cope

("Tamar"), Perks ("Berwick"), Moss ("Cumberland"); Barkham

("Titania"), Evans ("Bruce"), Firth ("Hermes"), Mann ("Cumber

land"), Bowles ("Cumber

land").

Police:—Clarke; Wynne,

Williams; Brittain, Hudson,

Jessop; Johnston, McGreevy,

Fraser, Oram, Sheppard.

South China v. Chinese Athletic

South China:—Pau Ka-ping; Li

Tin-sang, Lau Kau; Leung Wing-

tuk, Pang Wa-hing, Leung Wing-

chui; Li Tin-choy, Pau Ka-chuen,

Fung King-cheung, Lau Mau, Ip

Pak-wa.

Royal Navy "B" v. Queen's Rgt. Res.

Royal Navy "B":—Roberts

("Berwick"); Willis ("Cumber

land"), Carey ("Hermes"); Usher

("Hermes"), Sims ("Tamar"),

Greenland ("Sepoy"); Clark

("Titania"), Ball ("Cumberland"),

Goodridge ("Berwick"), Kennedy

("Berwick"), Honey ("Titania").

Kowloon F.C.

The following will represent the

Kowloon 1st XI v. K.O.S.B. on the

Kowloon Football Club ground on

Saturday, kick off at 4 p.m.:—

Angus; Robson, Pile; Hedley,

McKevie, Easterbrook; Clemo,

Spary, Miles, Hayes, Baldwin.

Reserve: Davies.

The following will represent the

Kowloon 2nd XI v. R.A. on Chatham-road ground on Saturday, kick off at 2.30 p.m.:—Angus; Nicholls, Hast; Moore, Dunnett,

Blacklock, Hannan, White, Moss,

King, Eastman. Reserves: Seddon,

Waddington.

WINS AGAIN

MRS. TOTTENHAM TAKES TENNIS HONOUR
OPEN CHAMPION

The ladies' open tennis Championship of the Colony, organised by the Ladies' Recreation Club, was won for the fourth year in succession by Mrs. R. E. Tottenham yesterday afternoon, when she defeated Miss Enid Lo by 9-11, 6-4. Miss Lo was also runner-up last year when Mrs. Tottenham scored her third win.

It was a closely contested match which provided many thrills for the large gathering of net enthusiasts, who witnessed the game.

The match was fought throughout from the baseline, the players going up to the net only to return occasional short deliveries. In the first set Miss Lo was the more aggressive of the two, but Mrs. Tottenham was very consistent, and gradually wore her opponent down with a stubborn defence. This set went into 20 games before it went to Miss Lo for 11-9. It was a fine battle of hard driving from the baseline, and both players drew much applause for their accurate placing.

Ding-Dong Strung.

In the next two sets the pace was considerably reduced, but neither player lost accuracy. It was a ding-dong struggle in the second set with Miss Lo first taking the lead, which afterwards went to Mrs. Tottenham for 4-2. Then Miss Lo rallied and evened matters at 4 all. After this Mrs. Tottenham forged ahead, and winning the next two games took the set for 6-4.

The same thing happened in the third set. Miss Lo led at the start, but was unable to retain her advantage. It looked like a quick set when Mrs. Tottenham led 5-2, but Miss Lo came back strongly and claimed the next two games. With the score reading 5-4 in favour of Mrs. Tottenham, excitement ran high when the tenth game was started. Miss Lo at first looked like evening up, but Mrs. Tottenham was in fighting mood, and by aggressiveness secured the points and set for 6-4.

At the conclusion of the match, the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Luard in the place of Mrs. Hancock, who, as announced by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, who umpired the match, was unable to attend as she would have liked, on account of illness.

Mr. Lindsell expressed thanks to Mrs. Luard for stepping into the breach.

LADIES' HOCKEY

There will be an inter-club match at King's Park to-morrow at 3.30 when the following ladies (representing the Officers of the Club):—B. Laing, M. Bird, J. Coppin, A. Owen-Hughes, J. Whyte, J. Andrews (capt.), I. C. Bell, N. McNeillie, E. Bell, B. Baker, P. Goodall will meet the following teams representing the rest of the Club:—M. Wallace, F. Cousins, A. Steel, E. O'Hagen, M. Russell, B. Taylor, M. Hansen, E. Russell, M. Rigge, C. Ferguson, M. J. Jarvis.

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EXCHANGES

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On demand 78

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On demand 106

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Hong Kong Sub. Coin. Par. —

On Newcastle City Council rejected a £750,000 new street scheme designed to ease traffic on the Tyne bridge opened by the King in October.

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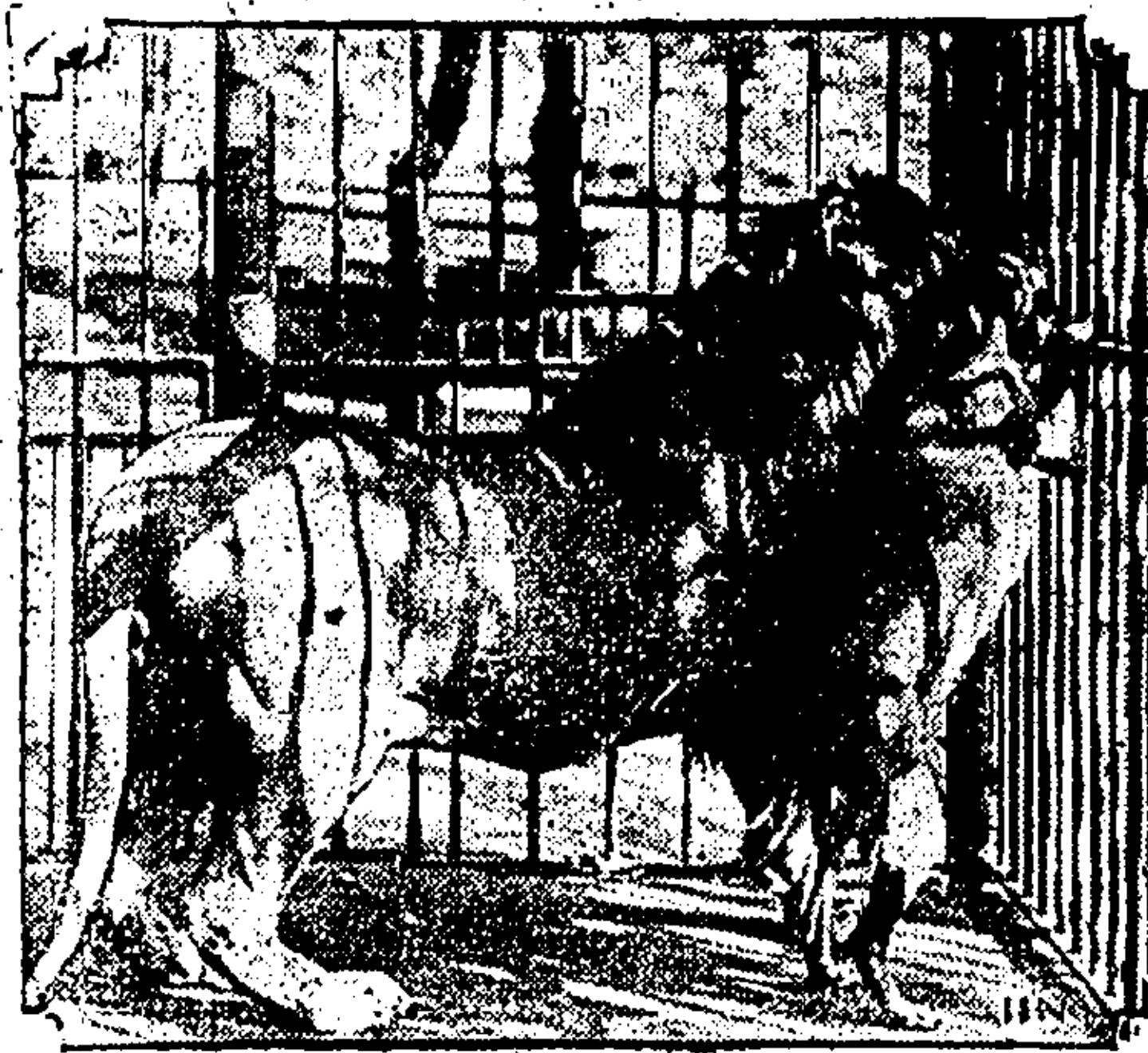
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

International Labour Chief Feted By Chinese



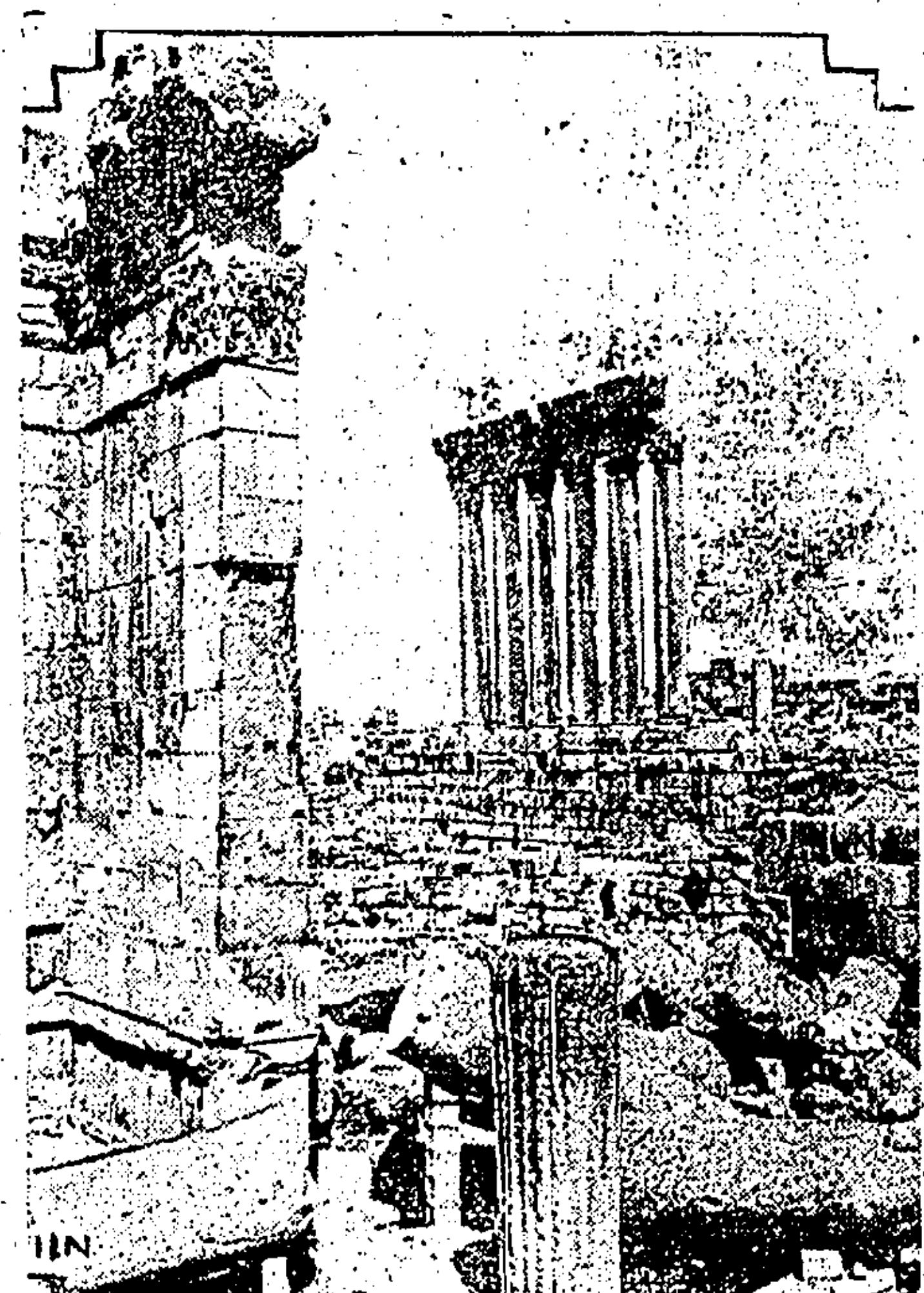
M. Albert Thomas, Director of the International Labour Bureau of the League of Nations, was the guest of honour at the largely attended reception given by the four Chinese Chambers of Commerce of Shanghai, at the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce Building, where the above photo was taken.—(C. H. Wong Studio).

Their Ancient Enmity Forgotten



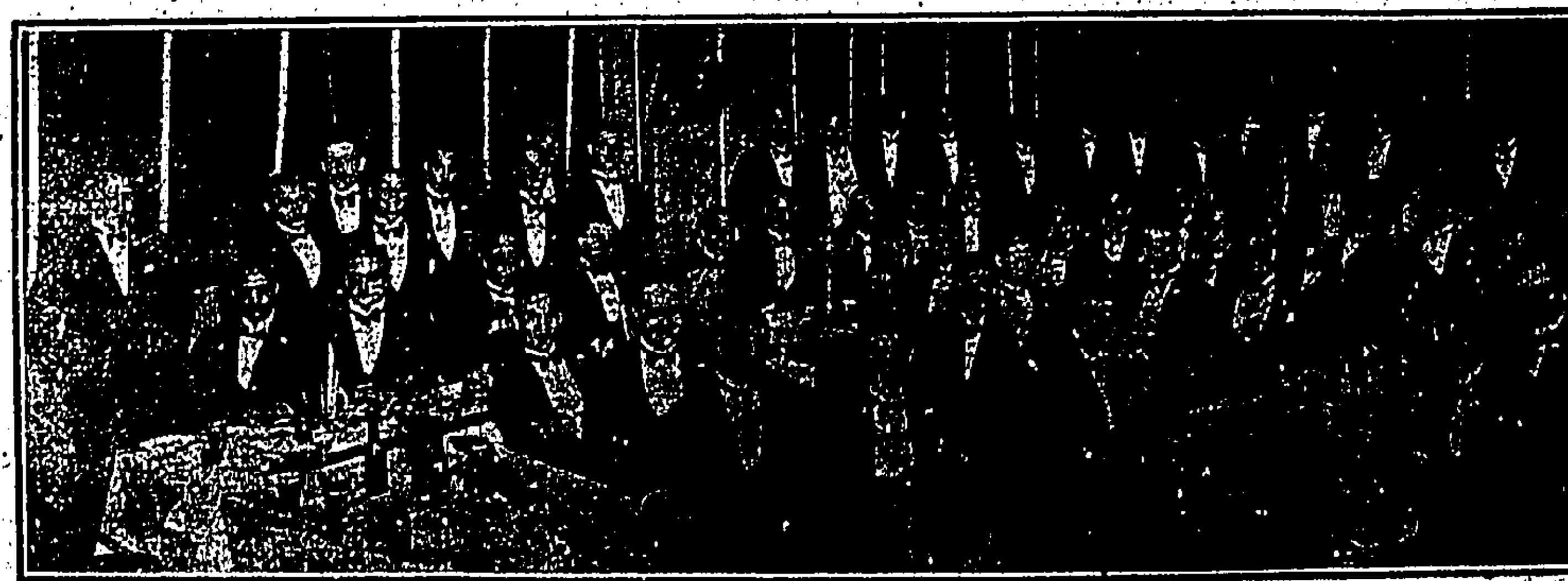
For more than five years the lion and dog shown above have lived side by side in enforced domesticity in the Johannesburg Zoo. In the beginning the dog was almost as large as the lion cub, fighting some of his battles even when small boys became unduly friendly, but latterly their positions have been reversed. Now it is the lion which is the leader and protector.

To Restore the City of the Sun



Here is an exclusive photo of one of the colonnades of the Temple of Baal, the ancient place of worship in Baalbek, Syria, which the French Government has undertaken to restore. Other temples to be rebuilt are those to Jupiter, Venus and Bacchus. Baalbek, rudely shaken by recent severe earthquake, was identified with the sun god Helios. The ancient city was built in 138-101 by Antonius Plus, the Roman.

Bramtoco Football Club Holds Dinner



The first annual dinner and smoking concert of the Bramtoco Club, Shanghai, was held at the Rowhatain Club. About 60 people attended. Mr. H. Langley was in the chair. Mr. Alec Leale, guest of honour, representing the Shanghai Football Association, presented the Nestle's Cup for the last season.—(Ah Fong).

Spent Night in Open Boat



The above photo shows Earl Devore, the famous racing driver, at wheel of his machine. He was one of passengers aboard the Lamport and Holt liner "Vestris," which went down 300 miles off the Virginia Capes.

Edinburgh Youth in Jail



Left, Donald Merritt, a handsome Edinburgh youth and ex-Varsity man, who was sentenced to three years for a series of worthless cheques. Upper right, his mother, who committed suicide when her deceased husband's estate was spent by her son. Lower right Miss Vera Honner, 17, who eloped with Merritt to Newcastle. She is the daughter of Mr. Lommer who befriended Merritt after his mother's tragic death.

To the Philippines



Major-General Paul D. Malone, a distinguished World War veteran in the U.S. Army, who has been named by President Coolidge to succeed Major-General Johnson Hagood as commander of U.S. Army units in the Philippines. He will assume command in May.

Of Hollywood



Fay Wray, who bought Florence Vidor's English-style house.

Indicted in Probe



Mr. Asa Keyes (district attorney of Los Angeles County, who has been indicted on charges of wilful corruption and misconduct in office in connection with the Julian Petroleum Co. investigation and trial. Six others also were indicted.

German Chancellor



Dr. Hermann Muller, Chancellor of the German Republic.

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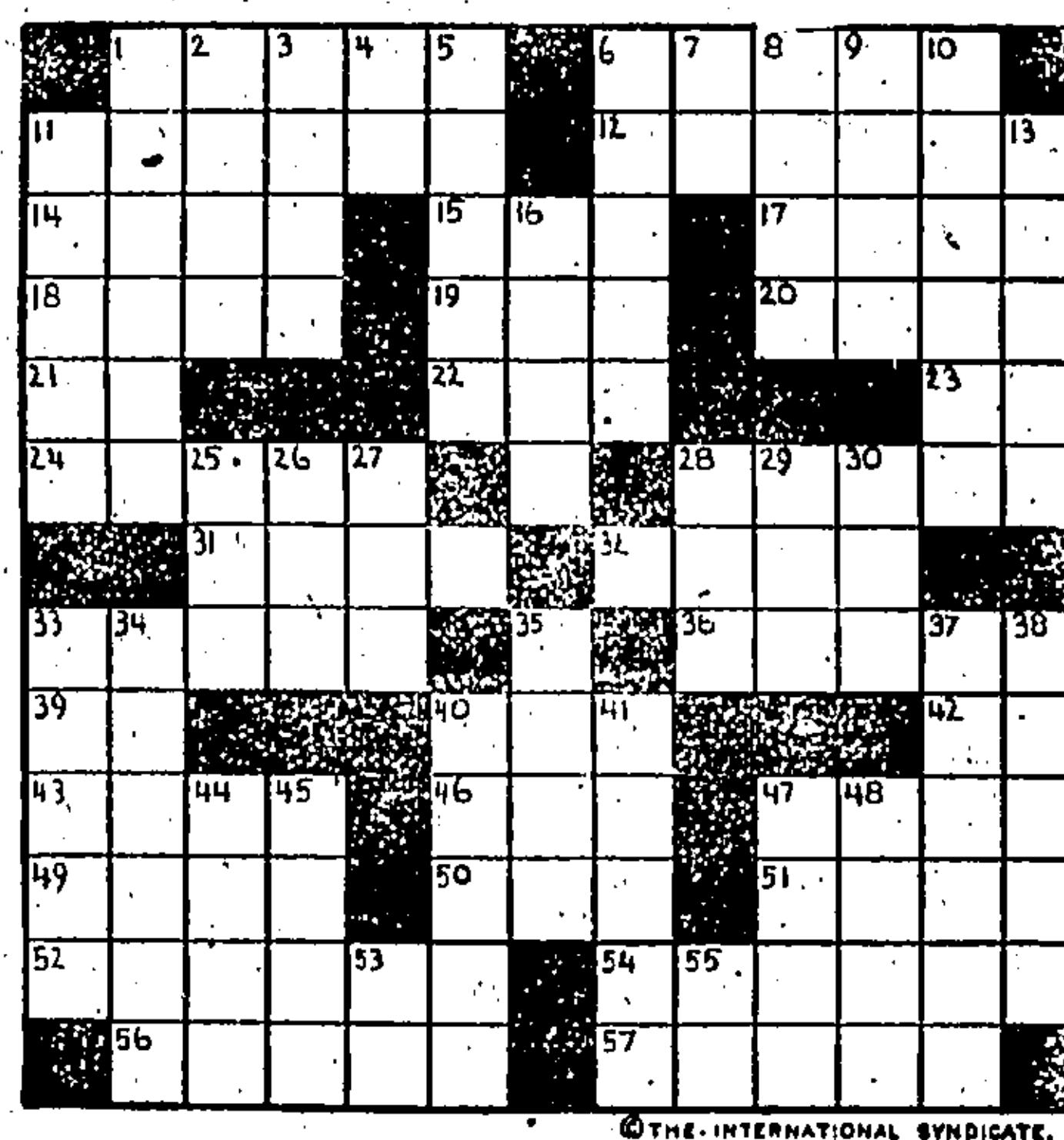
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as *harbor*, *plow*, and *altho.*)



SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

HORIZONTAL

- 1—Tubes
- 6—South American animal
- 11—A military review
- 12—Buoyed up
- 14—Dangerous animal
- 15—A limb of the body
- 17—Refuse, approve to
- 18—Hotels
- 19—Light blow
- 20—Run forth
- 21—Civil Engineer (abbr.)
- 22—Reindeer
- 23—Note of the scale
- 24—An approach (pl.)
- 28—Tests of speed
- 31—To render muddy
- 32—Pomp
- 33—Rate of progress
- 36—A parent
- 39—A parent (shortened)
- 40—Lick up
- 42—Near
- 43—Kind of liquor (pl.)
- 45—Level and measure
- 47—Hypothetical talk
- 48—Talk insanely
- 50—Beverage
- 51—Girl's name
- 52—Siberian plain devoid of trees
- 54—List of members
- 56—Pleasance
- 67—Gibe

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

WEDNESDAY'S SOLUTION.

HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1784
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyre	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Taikoo Sanatorium	1600
Mt. Davis	677
Bowen Road (filterbeds)	297
Taimoshan	3124
Maihsan	Feet.
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

CHINA ASSCN.

(Continued from Page 4.)

if sturdy and truculent, they became robbers. The existing state of affairs was particularly well described by a Chinese General, speaking in pigeon-English. He said: "No. 1 man can walk, can fight; he belong robber. No. 2 man can walk, no can fight; he belong coolie. No. 3 man, no walk, no fight; he belong soldier." (Laughter.) When such a state of affairs existed could it be wondered that trade languished? Trade in China at the present time was conducted under circumstances of extreme difficulty, and it therefore behaved British merchants to make unusual efforts to conserve their trade, otherwise they would lose it altogether. They must learn the Chinese language; they must familiarise themselves with Chinese manners and customs, and they must habituate themselves to mingling socially with the Chinese. The Hong Kong University had recently established a school of Chinese for the express purpose of assisting Britishers who dealt with Canton to learn the Cantonese language. The Hong Kong University also intended to organise a Faculty of Chinese, which would be of immense importance in promoting Anglo-Chinese friendship, because it would enable young Chinese of the class from which Mandarins were made to take their degree at Hong Kong in Chinese subjects at a time which would help them in their official career in their own country, while at the same time they would, as undergraduates, see for themselves how Great Britain governed a colony. He hoped the China Association would use its influence with the Government to secure for Hong Kong University a liberal grant from the Boxer Indemnity Fund, of which two and a half millions were still in the hands of the British Treasury. No expenditure would be better calculated to promote friendship between the United Kingdom and China. One matter of the utmost importance to British trade was the maintenance of the integrity of the Chinese Maritime Customs under its foreign inspectorate. That splendid service was the bulwark of foreign trade and the one firm rock in the shifting sands of Chinese finance. (Cheers.)

The toast was enthusiastically honoured, "For he's a jolly good fellow" being heartily sung and three cheers given.

Word For Those On The Spot.
The Chairman, in responding, said: It is past the time when we usually repair to the next room

and talk about old times, so beyond thanking Sir Cecil Clementi for the kind way in which he has alluded to me and to our Association, I only desire to say a few words in regard to one of the remarks made by Sir Laming. He talked of more local effort amongst the British community in China. This year the policy of H.M. Government has been very definitely laid down, and as loyal British subjects we are doing our best to make it a success. Particularly is that true as regards our colleagues on the spot in China, especially those in Tientsin, Shanghai and Hankow. At Tientsin as you no doubt know, the old distinctions in respect of the franchise have been abolished, and Chinese and foreigners now vote on an equal footing, while at Shanghai, too, Chinese representation in the affairs of the International Settlement has entered upon a new and, I think, a promising phase. At Hankow it has required infinite patience and tact on the part of the three British Councillors, in co-operation with the Chinese to get the new arrangement into working order, and I think that the considerable improvement there is striking evidence of their perseverance and helpfulness. I mention this, gentlemen, because I doubt whether we on this side sufficiently appreciate what has been done by our colleagues out in China. (Cheers.) I thank you, gentlemen, most sincerely for the way in which you have accepted this toast. (Loud cheers.)

The formal proceedings then terminated.

Those Present

Besides those already mentioned the following were present:— Abbott, F. J. Allibert, J. J. Alway, W. T. Argent W. A. Bagge, J. Blitton, Baker, Fred Lo, Baker, Lieut.-Col. J. Mitchell, C.M.G., D.S.O., Beaumont, John L., Belaiew, Col. N. T. C.B., Bernard, D. G. M., Billinghurst, Dr. Bird, H. W., Blackwell, R., Blechynden, A. L., Borrett, Admiral, C.B., Bowra, C. A. V., Brierley, Col. G. B. T. C.M.G., D.S.O., Bruce, J. S., Bryer, Alfred, Buchan, R.G., Bugbird, F. H., Buyers, W. B., Carroll, E. J., Carroll, F. G., Carter, W. Castle, T. M., Chalmers, A. M. C.M.G., Chater, Vernon, Clark, F. S., Clark, Henry W., Clarke, Tom, Cox, P. A., Coxon, R. E., Crockett, J. L., Crombie, H., Davies, W. H., Trenchard, Deacon, E. E., Denby, Major R. B. Dew, G. C., Dew, P. R., Dickens, Capt. G. G., C.M.G., R.N., Dickinson, Lieut. W. H., R.N., Dipple, R. P., Dowell, G. M., Duncan, A. R., Evans, P. M., M.A., L.L.D., J. P., Edkins, G. T.

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Farnan, F. D. K., Fearon, G. D., Fisher, W., Flower, J. A.

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Neil, Walter, Nissim, Joseph.

Oliver, V. C., Oram, W., Adams, Ottewill, H. A.

Padfield, R. E. N., Perry, John H., Porter, Harold, C.M.G., Preston, W. E., Pugh, Norman, Purvis, Capt. C. E. Kennedy, R.N., Pyman, J. Sutcliffe.

Raymond, A. J., Reekie, W., Maxwell, O.B.E., Rees, J. F. van, Reynolds, F., Oswald, Richardson, G. A., Richardson, J., Walter, Richardson, Sir Thomas, Roe, Herbert, B., Rutherford, D. C.

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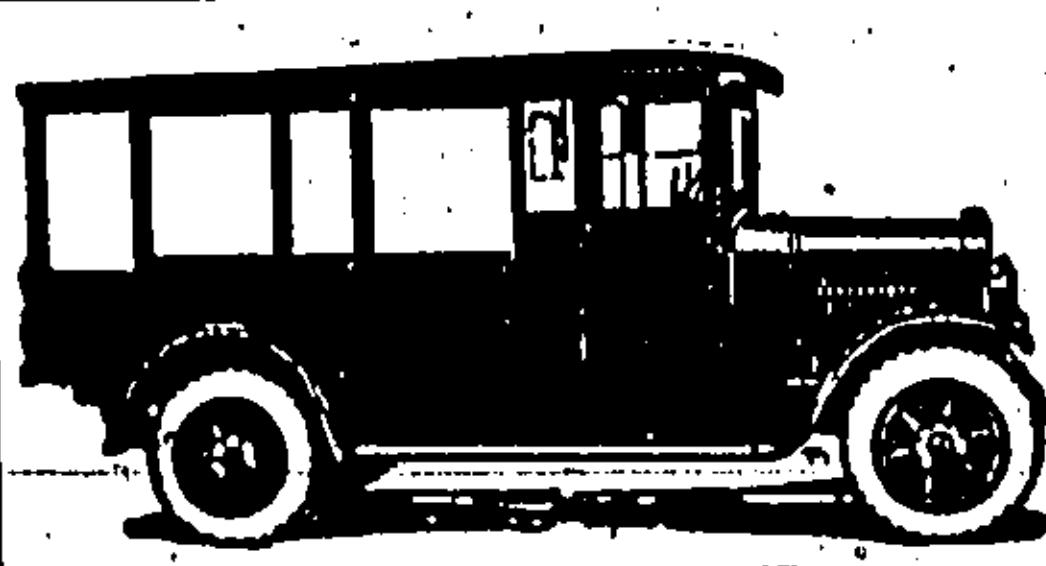
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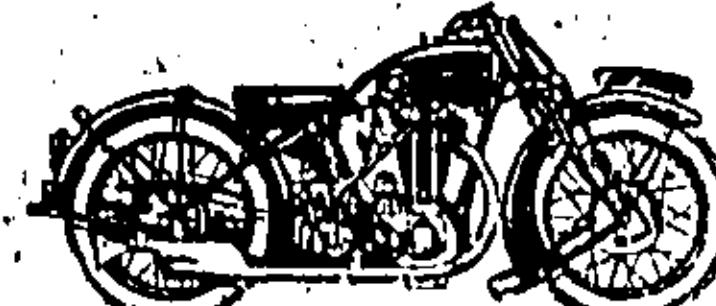


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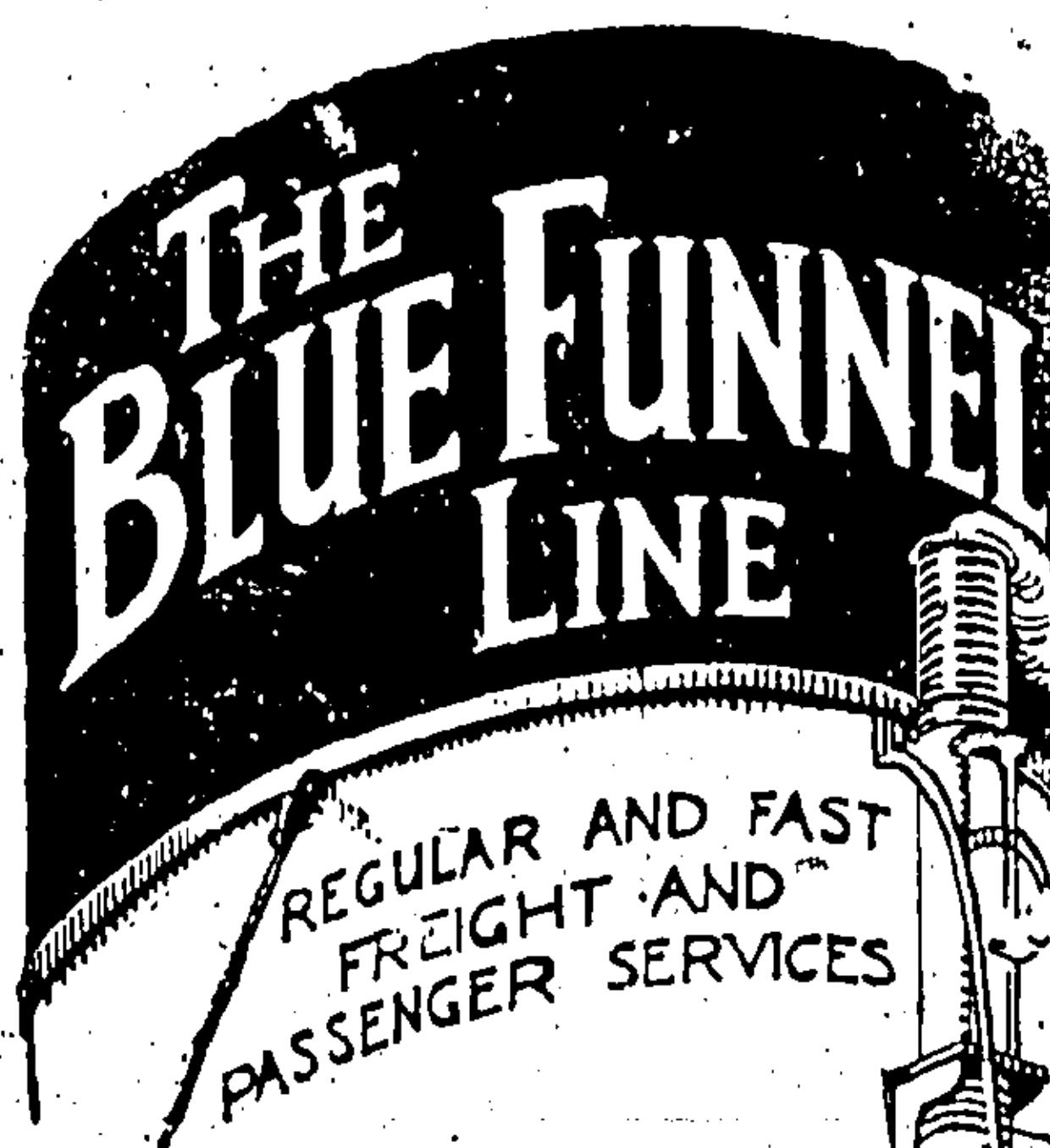
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There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes, and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays, and one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 9 a.m.

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London's TERRIFIC GAS EXPLOSIONS

FRESH DETAILS

EXTRAORDINARY OCCURRENCES IN WEST-CENTRAL DISTRICT

ENORMOUS DAMAGE

London, Yesterday. The gas explosions which occurred early this morning under West-Central London were of a terrific character and did a tremendous amount of damage.

Wonderfully enough, there was no loss of life but 17 persons were more or less seriously injured.

The effects of explosions were amazing.

Solid concrete roadways and pavements were torn like so much paper and heaved into heaps, leaving gaping holes many yards wide and deep.

In places roads were like petrified waves and huge slabs of pavement were piled up against the walls of houses and shops.

"Like A Small Earthquake" The scene resembled that wrought by a small earthquake.

Gas from broken mains swept over the district and people in the streets staggered away gasping. Several families were nearly gassed and were only just able to totter out of their fume-choked houses. Dozens of pedestrians were flung down.

Shop windows were shattered and houses shook, many sleepers being flung out off bed. Manholes shot into the air. One rose 70 feet and crashed through the roof and then through two floors without hurting anyone. A taxicab was hurled on to its side as a crater appeared beneath it, the driver being thrown down and hurt. Gas mains were ablaze all around.

In Gas Masks Workers in gas masks were rushed to the scene in lorries to deal with them and there was a general call for the fire brigade.

Householders in the affected area were asked by the borough surveyor not to use naked lights until officially told that it was safe to do so, and "no smoking" warnings, issued by the police, were hung on the wrecked lamp-posts.

In the afternoon there was a new explosion and a five-storey building in Bloomsbury was enveloped in flames. Crowds dashed to safety.

It is stated that the damage done to roads, gas and water mains and telegraph and telephone cables will amount to about £150,000. British Wireless Service.

Hundreds Homeless It is estimated that damage to the extent of £50,000 was done to roadways alone as the result of the gas explosions. Several hundred people are temporarily homeless.

Reuter.

THE YEO TRIAL

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accuracy which, as explained in the paragraph immediately preceding, was not due primarily to the "China Mail," Mr. Potter said.

It was reported in that way and, in fact, the question was put in that way by Mr. Jenkin, although no doubt he (Mr. Jenkin) would be correct such an impression.

He (Mr. Jenkin) did not think the papers were entirely to blame, because they did not know what the document was.

To this must be added the concluding remarks of Mr. Jenkin, in reply to Mr. Potter.

It might fairly well have been that he misled the Press in making that statement when he was resuming his seat. He very much regretted it.

Corroboration

Still the "China Mail" is not entirely satisfied with Mr. Jenkin's remarks by way of explanation. One of Mr. Jenkin's sentences was to the effect that:

His recollection was that he did not ask Mr. Black if he could tell what (the enlarged photograph) was in the sense that it was his specimen signature.

The "China Mail's" record of that question was: "That is your specimen signature given to the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank for this account."

The "South China Morning Post's" record, published on the morning of Friday, Nov. 23, was: "Mr. Jenkin concluded his cross-examination by asking, 'Is that your specimen signature to the Hong Kong Bank

BRITAIN'S TRADE CONDITIONS

A REVIEW

MR. BALDWIN MAKES A STATEMENT IN COMMONS

SEA FREIGHT RATES

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, Mr. Baldwin, reviewing conditions, said the country as a whole was prosperous and that industry was alive and growing. The dawn of a general trade revival, however, had disappointingly not matured. He traced the delay to the reduced spending powers due to the effects of the 1926 strike. 1928 had been

singularly free of industrial trouble and he expected that full benefits therefrom would be manifested in 1929. The recent stiffening of sea freight rates had led to a large increase of orders for tramp steamers.—Reuter.

BOLIVIA - PARAGUAY DISPUTE

AN M.P.'S QUERY

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE EXPLAINED

LEAGUE COUNCIL'S ACTION

London, Yesterday. A question was asked in the House of Commons if the Foreign Secretary had entered into negotiations with the United States in order to secure, with the help of the League of Nations, a peaceful settlement of the dispute between the Governments of Bolivia and Paraguay.

Mr. G. Locker Lampson (Under-secretary for Foreign Affairs) replied in the negative. He said the British Government had not thought it right to take any action on this question independent of the League of Nations. The Council of the League had telegraphed to the two Governments congratulating them on having accepted the good offices of Pan-American Congress and thus finding a peaceable means of composing their differences.—British Wireless Service.

London, Yesterday. Both the "China Mail" and the "Morning Post" said that the specimen (now known to have been a photo) was handed to Mr. Black and both explained that Mr. Jenkin asked if the specimen signature was

for this account? Witness did not reply.

Finally, as to the "S.C.M.P." implication that certain words com-

plained of were in the "China Mail." Both the "China Mail" and the "Morning Post" said that the specimen (now known to have been a photo) was handed to Mr. Black and both explained that Mr. Jenkin asked if the specimen signature was

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The words "specimen," "signature" and "writing" were used six times in the "China Mail" and eight times in the "S.C.M.P."

Word for word, these passages

"S.C.M.P." 1.—Mr. Black and His Signature or Not? (first heading).

2.—Witness Does Not Identify His Own Specimen (fourth heading).

3.—Counsel confronted the witness with the specimen signature.

4.—Mr. Jenkin asked if Mr. Black could say if the exhibit was his own signature.

5.—The signature was pasted on strong paper of about six inches by three inches.

6.—Mr. Jenkin, pointing to the exhibit: That is your specimen signature.

5.—Mr. Jenkin asked if it was his signature.

6.—Mr. Black replied that he did not know and repeated the answer after looking at the specimen again.

7.—Mr. Black was then handed the specimen and was asked by Mr. Jenkin whether it was his signature.

8.—Mr. Jenkin concluded his cross-examination by asking, "Is that your specimen signature?"

New York, Yesterday. The death is announced of the dramatist, Mr. Hartley Manners.

(Mr. Manners was the author of the great dramatic success "Peg O' My Heart" in which his wife Laurette Taylor made a great hit." Mr. Manners was born in London in 1870 and was an actor from 1898 till 1905, making his first appearance in Melbourne, Australia. He had been identified with the American stage since 1902. Mr. Manners also wrote a number of other plays, but none nearly so successful as "Peg O' My Heart".)

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